



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 687

December 30, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, MUSSER, GROTHMAN, GRONEMUS, OURADA, ZUKOWSKI, SCHAFFER, POWERS, SPRINGER, GUNDERSON, PLOUFF and OTT, cosponsored by Senators SHIBILSKI, ZIEN and DECKER. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 29.227 (1) (b), 29.227 (2) (a) (title), 29.227 (2) (b) (title), 29.227  
2           (3) (a) (title) and 29.227 (3) (b) (title); **to renumber** 29.227 (2) (a), 29.227 (2) (b)  
3           1., 29.227 (2) (b) 2., 29.227 (3) (a), 29.227 (3) (b) (intro.), 29.227 (3) (b) 1., 29.227  
4           (3) (b) 2. and 29.227 (3) (b) 3.; **to renumber and amend** 29.227 (2) (b) (intro.);  
5           **to amend** 29.227 (1) (title), 29.227 (2) (title), 29.227 (3) (title) and 29.227 (5);  
6           and **to create** 29.227 (3r) (title) of the statutes; **relating to:** possession of  
7           firearms by persons under 12 years of age.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a minor who is under 12 years old may not possess a firearm unless he or she is carrying the firearm to or from a hunter education and firearm safety program accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or unless he or she is using the firearm during the class. Under current law, a minor who is 12 or 13 years old may not possess a firearm unless he or she is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or is enrolled in such a program and is either carrying the firearm to or from the class or is using it during the class. The bill eliminates the specific restrictions for minors under 12 years old so that the current restrictions that apply only to minors who are 12 or 13 years old apply to any minor 13 years old or younger.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

8           **SECTION 1.** 29.227 (1) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           29.227 (1) (title) ~~PERSONS HUNTING BY PERSONS~~ UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.

2           **SECTION 2.** 29.227 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

3           **SECTION 3.** 29.227 (2) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           29.227 (2) (title) ~~PERSONS HUNTING BY PERSONS~~ 12 TO 14 YEARS OF AGE.

5           **SECTION 4.** 29.227 (2) (a) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

6           **SECTION 5.** 29.227 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (2).

7           **SECTION 6.** 29.227 (2) (b) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

8           **SECTION 7.** 29.227 (2) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3m)  
9 (intro.) and amended to read:

10           29.227 (3m) (title) POSSESSION BY PERSONS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE. (intro.) No  
11 person ~~12 years of age or older but~~ under 14 years of age may have in his or her  
12 possession or control any firearm unless he or she:

13           **SECTION 8.** 29.227 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3m) (a).

14           **SECTION 9.** 29.227 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3m) (b).

15           **SECTION 10.** 29.227 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           29.227 (3) (title) ~~PERSONS HUNTING BY PERSONS~~ 14 TO 16 YEARS OF AGE.

17           **SECTION 11.** 29.227 (3) (a) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

18           **SECTION 12.** 29.227 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3).

19           **SECTION 13.** 29.227 (3) (b) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

20           **SECTION 14.** 29.227 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3r)  
21 (intro.).

22           **SECTION 15.** 29.227 (3) (b) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3r) (a).

23           **SECTION 16.** 29.227 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3r) (b).

24           **SECTION 17.** 29.227 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 29.227 (3r) (c).

25           **SECTION 18.** 29.227 (3r) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

